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Movie stars make Sailors stars for a day

By JO3 Nick De La Cruz

USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) - In May of 1996 I enlisted in the Navy. However, I didn't get sworn in at the MEPS station like everyone else on the bus did. I was sworn in the day after I signed my contract at The Olive Garden Restaurant where I worked as a waiter.

Five years, one world cruise and one WESTPAC later I reenlisted. Once again, I found myself still getting sworn in in a unique way.

Some Sailors reenlist at the Arizona Memorial.

Some Sailors reenlist in the Persian Gulf - to save money on taxes. I've read stories in *All Hands* about Sailors reenlisting while skydiving, skiing and deep-sea diving. I even recall hearing about one young Sailor who reenlisted while bungee jumping.

At those reenlistment ceremonies spouses, parents and friends attend. The commanding officer or executive officer swears in the service member and some cake is passed out.

So how was my reenlistment so different? For starters I was one of 21 Sailors to reenlist on the flight deck of a nuclear powered aircraft carrier pier side in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ceremony was held on aircraft elevator four overlooking the USS Arizona and USS Missouri Memorials.

Commanding Officer, CAPT Dick Gallagher officiated the ceremony. Some of my fellow crewmembers were there, as were some of my friends. Although just about everybody had a camera, it wasn't necessarily the reenlistees that were being photographed.

For what made my reenlistment so different were the three stars of Jerry Bruckheimer's new Touchstone film, 'Pearl



Official Navy Photo

Josh Hartnett, star of 'Pearl Harbor', congratulates Navy Journalist Nick De La Cruz upon his reenlistment of four more years in the Navy. The moderately quiet star passed on congratulations and well wishes to the 21 Sailors who reenlisted on May 18 on the flight deck. After the ceremony Hartnett, along with Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale, joined the Sailors for some reenlistment cake before returning to their star duties of conducting interviews and signing autographs for the crew and visitors.

Harbor' on hand to observe the ceremony.

After the swearing in was complete CAPT Gallagher walked around to congratulate the reenlistees. Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale and Josh Hartnett followed the captain shaking hands, offering congratulations and thanking the Sailors for volunteering to keep on defending our country.

Being the public relations person I am, I offered the stars a personal tour of the ship and asked if they might want to hit the town after the premiere was over and done with. They graciously declined.

Although somewhat lost as to what to do

during the ceremony, the stars appeared to be genuinely happy to attend.

When asked to take a picture with the Sailors, Affleck gladly led Beckinsale and Hartnett in front of the enlistees for the group photo.

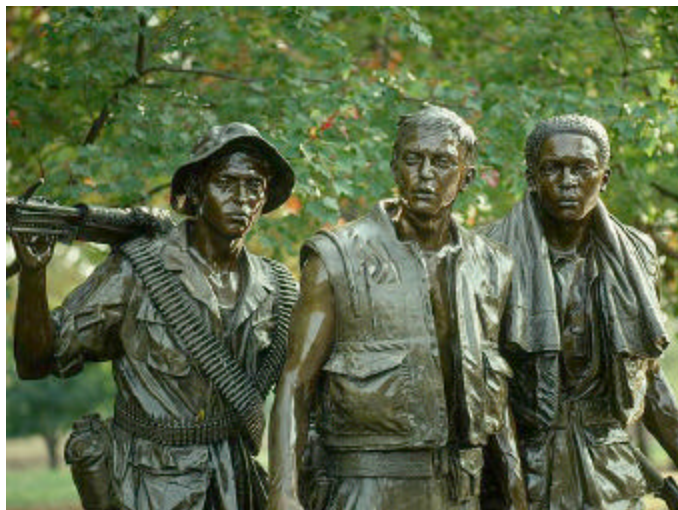
The icing on the cake, no pun intended, was the reenlistment cake topped with replicas of the Arizona and Missouri Memorials in icing.

Enlisting in the Navy to begin with was pretty unforgettable. But reenlisting on a transformed aircraft carrier with Hollywood stars definitely ranks as my most memorable Navy experience.

A Memorial Day Essay

by Kathlena Peebles

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day set aside for remembrance of those who have died in our nations service. Memorial Day was first proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, in his General order number 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868; when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. The South, at first, refused to acknowledge, Memorial Day, honoring their dead on separate days until after WWI. It is now observed in almost



every state of the union on the last Monday of every May. Since the Civil War more than 1.1 million veterans, both women and men, have lost their lives in service to America. Indeed the Civil War alone accounted for more than 600,000 dead.

On Memorial Day I had the opportunity to witness a memorial in San Francisco, aboard a submarine, the USS Pampanito, a submarine that was used in WWII and Korea. The United States submarine service suffered the highest percentage of casualties than any other of the services that served in WWII. They also sank over 55% of all Japanese shipping sunk in WWII. This was all pointed out to me with pride by several of these veterans.

As our National Anthem was played over the speaker system some of them started to cry as they remembered all of their fallen comrades, the ones that served with them, and

the ones that did not. I thought about how many of these veterans brothers had made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may all enjoy the freedom this country offers.

As we stood for the Pledge of Allegiance I saw the reaction on their faces, it was a thoughtful, respectful look, a look of such sadness. I thought about what my dad's submarine veterans group was really all about "To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives while serving in the United State Naval Submarines" I then started to cry myself with the realization of what that really meant. All those old sailors, my dad included, standing on the deck of an old submarine holding the flag with such pride and sadness.

Then it was time for the speakers to give their speeches about their experiences and the meaning of Memorial Day. A WWII veteran talked about the hardships and struggles and the fact that he was lucky to be alive when so many of his brothers had fallen victim to the war. One talked about how it was up to the veterans to teach "our children about the sacrifices made by so many". Another said, "that America will only be the land of the free so long as it is the home of the Brave". So many of the speakers spoke with so much pride about America that it was hard not to think about all the people who have no idea what this holiday is really about. While they go to their Bar B Q's and beaches there are some who keep up a tradition of pride in service to the United States of America and remember all those who had fallen, and rejoice in the ones who still live and remember. Let none of us ever forget what Memorial Day really is.

(Kathlena Peebles was a Junior at Highlands High School in North Highlands, CA when she wrote this. The essay was punishment for missing a band function on Memorial Day to witness a Memorial Day presentation by her father's submariner veterans group aboard the USS Pampanito [US Sub Vets, Inc. Mare Island Base]. She wrote an essay about what Memorial Day really is. She succinctly expressed the Spirit of Memorial Day. The day is a day to remember and honor those who fell in battle. Which is what she did, and was punished for.)

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SAILOR OF THE DAY

Honor

May 26, 2001

Commitment

Courage



Name: HTFN Joshua Seth Chelnik

Assigned to: Pipe Shop/Repair Division/Engineering

Hometown: West Orange, New Jersey

Reported Aboard: November 18, 2000

Job Description: "I'm tasked with maintaining the CHT system, clearing sewage lines, completing head trouble calls and performing piping repairs."

Favorite Book: Jack London's *Call of Wild*

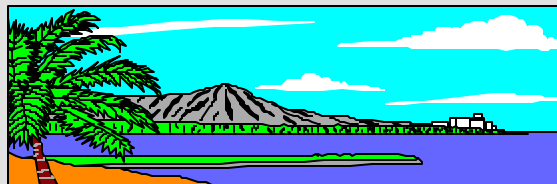
Places visited while in the Navy: Great Lakes and Hawaii

Reason for joining Navy: "To follow the footsteps of my favorite uncle."

Most memorable event in career: "My involvement in the INSURV inspection."

Hobbies: Automotive repair, motorcycle riding, collecting DVD movies

JCS Perspectives



What did you enjoy most about our port visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii?

ABHAN Lauren Dovolis



I enjoyed meeting new people, the sun, snorkeling and nighttime sea diving. I loved going to Maui, also. Everything was so beautiful.

AK2 Michael Daley



I enjoyed having all the celebrities onboard... Ben Affleck was cool. It brought a different atmosphere to the ship.

BM3 Scott Hedlund



I enjoyed visiting the Arizona Memorial and paying my respects to the Sailors who gave their lives so that we can be here today.

Lance Corporal Matthew Crosby



I enjoyed Faith Hill's performance during the premiere. It was outstanding. Also, the fireworks were the biggest and greatest I've ever seen.

JCS TELEVISION

MONDAY, MAY 28

KJCS



- 0000 Navy Seals
- 0200 Lost World: Jurassic Park
- 0430 Wrongfully Accused
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 Woo
- 0900 At First Sight
- 1130 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 1200 Out of Sight
- 1430 How Stella Got Her Groove
- 1700 Music Videos
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Dumb and Dumber
- 2000 My Cousin Vinny
- 2200 Wild, Wild, West

KMOV



- 0000 Rebel Without A Cause
- 0200 Stir Of Echoes
- 0400 The Corruptor
- 0600 Evening Reports
- 0610 American Pie
- 0900 Proof Of Life
- 1130 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 1200 Scent of a Woman
- 1430 Ninth Gate
- 1700 Music Videos
- 1800 Evening Reports
- 1810 Bad Boys
- 2000 Billy Elliot
- 2200 The Shining

Front row center stage



Approximately seventy-five top JCS Sailors were invited to participate in the gala premiere of Pearl Harbor. They were recognized for being the top 'hard charges' amongst their peers. (photo by PH1(AW) Craig McClure)

Attention Unified
Leaders Associaton
members or any
Second or Third
Class Petty Officer
interested in joining the ULA.



There will be a ULA
Meeting on Monday,
May 28th at 1000 on
the Aft Mess Decks.
Please come if you can.

Contact BM3 Jones at:
J-7772 if you have questionts.

Happy Birthday

A special birthday meal will be served on May 28th from 1800 to 1900 on the Aft Messdecks for all E1 thru E6 personnel who have had or will have a birthday during the month of May.



Meals are by reservation only. Call the FSO Office at J-6795 to reserve your seat

TODAY!!!

COMMAND FINANCIAL CLASSES:
WILL BE HELD IN
CLASSROOM 3 (03-34-
2-Q) AT 1930 ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES:



TODAY: Thrift Savings Plan
JUNE 4: Understanding Credit
JUNE 6: Savings & Investing



With the USS MISSOURI and the USS ARIZONA serving as a dramatic backdrop 21 JOHN C. STENNIS Sailors take part in an impressive reenlistment ceremony atop the JCS flight deck.